

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have their basic needs met, and the Division of Child Support in the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services helps engage and empower parents to find ways to provide reliable support for their children; and

WHEREAS, the prompt, accurate, and compassionate collection of child support helps families build strong foundations for children who will realize their full potential as adults; and

WHEREAS, through the collection of child support, the Division of Child Support touched the lives of more than 260,000 children and collected more than \$675 million in support during state fiscal year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Child Support is committed to a family-centered approach to its work that focuses on providing respect and resources to every person every day; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Child Support advances innovative ways to connect parents to resources that help with employment, homelessness, and other barriers to self-sufficiency through the Alternative Solutions program and partnerships with other state agencies and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Division of Child Support plays a significant role in helping the Economic Services Administration of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to reduce the number of individuals and families living in poverty, with the goal of reducing the number of individuals and families living in poverty by 20 percent by 2020 and 50 percent by 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as

Child Support Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance and to recognize the important role of parents, employers, and community resources in the collection of child support for Washington's children.

Signed this 17th day of July, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee

